IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH JULY 2007 / 13TH ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 20516 of 2007(P)

PETITIONER:

INDIRA RAMADAS, W/O.K.K.DAMODARAN, AGED 54 YEARS, PRINCIPAL, GOVT. VOCATIONAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHATHOP, IDUKKI (NOW WORKING AS ASST.EDUCATIONAL OFFICER, VALAPPAD, THRISSUR DIST.)

BY ADV. SRI.V.A.MUHAMMED
SRI.K.E.HAMZA

RESPONDENTS:

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1. STATE OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVT. GENERAL EDUCATION (C) DEPT., SECRETARIAT, TRIVANDRUM.

2. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, JAGATHY, TRIVANDRUM-14.

3. V.S.VIJAYALEKSHMI, HEADMISTRESS (RETD.), GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL, KUNIYA, KASARGOD (RESIDING AT CHEKKOLAPARAMBIL HOUSE, P.O.KANDASSANKADAVU, THRISSUR DISTRICT.

BY GOVT. PLEADER SRI.A.J.VARGHESE.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 04/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K. Basheer, J.

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Dated this the 4th day of July, 2007.

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner who is now stated to be working as Assistant Educational Officer at Valappad in Thrissur District has got a grievance that the rank assigned to her in the seniority list is incorrect. It is contended by the petitioner that she ought to have been placed at rank No.536, which slot has now been allotted to respondent No.3. It is the contention of the petitioner that she and respondent No.3 had joined service on the same date viz., January 9, 1980 and that too on the basis of the same advice list issued by the Kerala Public Service Commission. However, initially petitioner was omitted to be included in the seniority list. Later the above mistake was rectified and petitioner has now been placed at serial No.575A as ordered in Ext.P1. Learned counsel submits that petitioner has preferred Ext.P5 statutory revision before respondent No.1. The limited prayer is to issue a direction to respondent No.1 to take a decision on Ext.P5 without any further delay.

In the above facts and circumstances the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider and pass orders on Ext.P5 strictly on its merit and in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within 3 months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Needless to mention that petitioner, respondent No.3 and all others who are likely to be affected by the decision that may be taken, shall be afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard.

A.K. Basheer
Judge.

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